(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. There is at present no specific proposal under consideration for gas imports from Turkmenistan to India *via* Afghanistan and Pakistan.

(d) and (e) As and when any proposal for the supply of gas from Turkmenistan to India *via* Afghanistan and Pakistan is taken up, all security and economic aspects will be thoroughly examined.

Committee to recast oil sector

1264. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a six-member Committee, to suggest within two months, a road map to recast the oil sector, merger of state-owned oil corporation, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) While there is a proposal to set up a six member Committee to advise the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on Synergy in Energy, including issues relating to oil sector PSUs, no formal decision in this regard has been taken so far.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Exploration of gas from Orissa coast

1265. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GAIL propose to start gas exploration off the Orissa coast;